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1. A former tailor in Constanta owned a five tube Phillips radio, model 1944. The set had three wave bands and used 220 volt current. Informant's comments concerning reception in Constanta of foreign broadcasts follows:

- The Paris broadcast at 2000 hours on the 31 meter band was heard with great interest because of news and press comments. As of the beginning of April 1952, however, reception of this station has been effectively jammed.
- The London broadcast at 2100 hours on (approximately) the 31 meter and 220 meter bands, although jammed, are listened to with great interest because news reports are positive and timely. Generally speaking, the Rumanian public likes the BBC broadcasts.
- The VOA programs heard at 2200 to 2230 hours and relayed through Salonika are well received in Rumania. Although the public considers the news on this program not very timely, the populace listens with respect because they believe the programs have been carefully edited.
- Informant did not receive Radio Free Europe broadcasts. He reports, however, that those who did listen expressed their satisfaction for the encouragement these programs have given to the Rumanian people by broadcasting the "crimes" of the Communists as well as the names of those who commit them.
- [REDACTED] did not receive the broadcasts of Radio Athens.

2. A sculptor formerly living in Bucharest owned a Telefunken five tube radio and used the city's power supply of 120 volts DC. Informant's comments on the reception in Bucharest of foreign radio broadcasts follow:

- The broadcasts of the Paris station are fairly well received at 2000 hours.
- The BBC broadcasts are received well on the middle wave band at 2100 hours.

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Those broadcasts are the most popular in Bucharest.

- c. VOA is best received at 2200 hours when relayed by the Salonika station. The programs after 2130 hours are also fairly well received and listened to by the public.
- d. The Madrid station is received well on the short meter band at 1945 hours.
- e. The Athens station is received only at noon. Informant never heard the Romanian broadcasts from Athens.

3. A former business man in Constanta owned a four tube pre-war Blaupunkt radio which operated on 220 volts DC. [] comments on reception in Constanta 25X1 follow:

- a. Greek broadcasts by Radio Athens are well received at 2015 hours on approximately the 600 meter wave band.
- b. Greek broadcasts of the VOA re-transmitted by Athens are also received effectively at 2230 hours.

4. A former worker in Bucharest, owned a Romanian made Pioneer radio with medium and long wave bands. [] commented on the reception of foreign radio broadcasts as follows:

- a. The Paris, Belgrade and VOA broadcasts in Rumanian are fairly well received and listened to by the persons who lived with informant in the same house.
- b. The VOA Rumanian program was received best on the 375 meter band from 2200 to 2230 hours.
- c. Radio Belgrade was received best at 2030 hours.

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25X1A 1. [] Comment: It is very possible that 2230 hours was meant here.

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